MRAC General Meeting July 30, 2009.

Meeting Called to order by President Mark Tellier at 7 PM. Temporary Secretary duty by Dave DeFebo WB9BWP.

The microphone was passed around for introductions.

There being no Secretary, there were no minutes of the June meeting.

The Treasurers report was read and approved.

A report was made on the recent Field Day. The club operated 3A using generators for the first time in a number of years. To do Field Day next year someone must volunteer to be the Chairman. The volunteer must step up before the end of 2009, or we may miss participating in Field Day for possibly the first time since the contest began in 1930.

Tom Fuszard KF9PU gave a report on the recently held NCVEC annual meeting in Gettysburg, Pa. Among the highlights is a new question pool for the Technician license being released by December for new Tech tests next year.

The meeting was opened for “buzztalk” and any announcements from attendees.

The membership was reminded that the club needs people to step up for the offices of Treasurer and Secretary to fill out the remaining terms of 1 year. We also need someone to take over the club web site maintenance from Brian White K9LCQ who has done it for a number of years over a couple of different stints.

A brief discussion occurred about possible club services we may provide to members like quantity buys of coax, connectors, whatever, club owned tools, group purchases of kits and group assistance. A suggestion from the crowd also included antenna installation items like gin pole, climbing equipment, etc. No action was promised or taken.

After a short break, Mark Tellier discussed an incorrect question on the current Technician test.

Pancho Doneis KA9OFA gave a presentation on his progress building the Softrock software defined receiver kit the club purchased last fall. He has completed construction and has completed sub assembly testing but is having a problem getting the completed receiver to function. Stay tuned for more details on progress at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.